Twenty-Four New Cases and Two Deaths Reported Thursday.

The Excitement Dying Out and Business Men Are Arranging to Bring Their Familles Back to the City-The Plague at Other Southern Points.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 8 .- The fever situation was considerably improved Thursday. There has been but two deaths reported up to this hour, one of which was mentioned Wednesday

Wednesday by noon there had been 19 cases and five deaths, and the disparity between the records of the two days is apparent.

As a matter of fact the situation here is no worse than it has been for some time and excitement has absolutely died out, now that the disease has shown no symptoms of an epidemic form. Business men are arranging to bring their families back to the city. There were 24 new cases reported

Cases continue to appear on Jackson avenue, one of the fine boulevards of the city, and it is a matter of fact that while Carrollton is the cleanest and best kept portion of New Orleans, more cases have developed there than in any other quarter. Dr. Samson and one of his family were among the stricken Thursday

The Chateau Yquiem, the steamer bearing the Sicilian immigrants, arrived at Plaquemine parish and were landed after proper examination and disinfection at the quarantine station. There is one case of yellow fever re-

ported at Clinton, Miss., while no new cases have occurred at Nitta Yuma. The board of health officially announces the status of affairs in New Orleans as regards yellow fever to be

as follows: During the 24 hours ending 9 p. m Thursday, there were cases of yellow fever Thursday 31; deaths 2; total cases of yellow fever to date 456; total deaths from fever to date 45; total absolutely recovered 147; total cases under treat

ment 264. MOBILE, Ala., Oct. 8 .- There were four cases in the past 24 hours and no deaths in the past 48 hours.

A pathetic feature is the illness of the sisters of charity, Agnes and Genorisa. They came here from Emmetsburg, Md.

The board of health Thursday decided not to establish yellow fever hospitals at any place in the city. Several more suspicious cases are reported at

EDWARDS, Miss., Oct. 8.-Ten cases of vellow fever were officially reported Thursday.

Total deaths to date, 15; total numher cases to date. 876; number convalescent and discharged, 205; number under treatment, 156; with black vom it. 2; number seriously ill, 6. The condition of affairs is somewhat improved.

A Four-Handed Duel.

MOULTRIE, Ga., Oct. 8.- The result of a four-handed duel, fought on a country road a few miles from town Thursday afternoon, is the death of Henry Nismith, the wounding of his son Nathan, and an upheaval in a usually peaceful community, which has sent a mob of determined men and bloodhounds after those who did the shoot ing, Henry Harris and his son Robert. It is believed the latter were both wounded.

Count Wurmbrand Suicides. VIENNA, Oct. 8 .- Count Heinrich Count Wurmbrand, who was minister of commerce in 1895, in the cabinet of Prince Windischgratz, has committed suicide. The reason for the act is not self a sufferer from apoplexy.

Claim the Championship.

DENVER, Col., Oct. 8 .- The Denver fire department claims the record for the United States on running 1,000 feet, laying 500 feet of hose connected with a steamer, and getting water from the steamer through the hose. The record was made by Steamer Company No. 4 in an exhibition run in connection with the Carnival sports. Their time was 45 seconds.

Weavers on a Strike. PHILADELPHIA. Pa., Oct. 8.-A committee of employes of Thomas Bolan & Co., the wool manufacturers, made another demand Thursday for an increase of 15 per cent in wages. The demand was refused and the weavers. about 800 in number, went out on s strike.

Death of Egbert Starr. NEW YORK, Oct. 8.—Egbert Starr, resident of this city for over sixty years and one of the most prominen merchants of three decades ago, died at his home Thursday, aged 84 years. His gifts to Middlebury college are estimated to have amounted to \$100,000.

Previous Records Broken. PORT EADS, Ia., Oct. 8 .- The Morgan line steamer El Rio, Capt. Quick, from New York, arrived at the bar at 9:30 Wednesday night, having made the run in four days, four hours and fifty minutes, breaking all previous records.

Pitcher Gaston III With Typhoid Fever. TORONTO, Oct. 8 .- Pitcher Gaston, of the Toronto baseball team, was taken to the hospital Thursday suffering from an attack of typhoid fever. Gaston's home is in Cambridge, O.

Sailors Strike. SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 8 .- All but four of the 33 sailors on the United States revenue cutter Perry quit Thursday because of a reduction in wages from \$28 to \$25 per month.

Nashville Firm Falls. NASHVILLE, Tonn., Oct. 8 .- The firm of Goldberg & Rich Thursday assigned to Simon Lieberman. The liabilities less than liabilities.

SECRETARY LONG

Will Submit an Estimate to Congress for \$1,500,000 to Be Used in Purchasing

ammunition for the Naval Service. NEW YORK, Oct. 8 .- A special to the Herald from Washington says: That the authorities are anxious to place the navy on an emergency footing is shown by the intention of Secretary Long to submit an estimate to cougress for \$1,500,000 to be used in purchasing ammunition for the service for the next fiscal year. Of this sum \$1,000,000 is needed to equip navy ships with ammunition, and the remainder will be spent in adding to the reserve supply of powder which the navy will commence to establish within a few days. As stated Wednesday, the secretary will also ask for \$75,000 with which a powder factory will be established.

It is understood that the secretary will request congress to appropriate about \$4,000,000 for settling with the Carnegie and Bethlehem companies, which have practically completed their contracts for supplying the battleships Kearsarge and Kentucky with armor. The secretary has determined to adopt another recommendation of Capt. Chas. O'Neil, his chief of the bureau of ordnance, which calls for the appropriation of \$500,000 for the purchase of guns for auxiliary cruisers Besides the estimates referred to, the secretary will ask congress to make other appropriations which will bring the total estimate for ordnance material for the service up to about \$8,000,000.

ILLINOIS DROUGHT

Heavy Loss to the Farmers on the Core Crop-Wells, Cisterns and Creeks Go Dry.
MASCOUTAN, Ill., Oct. 8.—In the experience of the oldest settlers in St. Clair and adjoining counties the present drought is without parallel. For two months there has been practically no rain fall in this section and the

temperature has ranged about 90 degrees in the shade almost daily during all that time. The damage done by the drought in southern Illinois can not be accurately

estimated, but it has been great. The heaviest loss to the farmers is on the corn crop, which has been cut down 50 to 05 per cent. by the dry weather. It has also done great damage to all late vegetation and to the fruit crop gen-

Hundreds of wells, cisters and creeks have entirely failed, and a water famine is threatened over a large area of country. Many farmers residing east the arts. It has probably been stimuof Mascoutah are hauling water a dis- lated by the increasing cheapness of siltance of six miles The water in the Kaskaskia river has reached the lowest stage in years.

In addition to the great loss on crops of various kinds, the farmers will have to provide an unusually large quantity of feed for their stock, owing to the parched condition of all the pastures. The stock feeding season begins fully two months earlier than usual as result of the continued drought.

Spain's Reply to the United States. MADRID, Oct. 8 .- A cabinet council,

at which the queen regent presided. was held here Thursday. When the ministers separated the premier, Senor Sagasta, announced to the newspaper men that no final decision had been taken in regard to the reply which United States, handed to the duke of Tetuan, when he was minister for try and mentions a few of the most imforeign affairs, by the United States portant improvements in methods and minister. Gen. Stewart L. Woodford.

that the reply of Spain will satisfy Spanish susceptibilities in making clear to President McKinley the resolute at- the improvement in transportation. titude which Spain maintains in re- Railroads have been rapidly extended gard to Cuba.

Horses vs. Bieveles.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct., 8. - A relay of six thoroughbred horses from the Wurmbrand, the 19-year-old son of stables of Thomas W. South raced five miles Thursday on the Tioga bicycle track against four crack bicyclists and the horses won in 9 minutes and 50 try. Railroad transportation enables the seconds, with the wheelman only five known, but it is believed that he was yards behind. The race was the feasuffering from mental depression in- ture event of an afternoon's programme duced by the illness of his father, him- of amateur bicycles races. The quad team was Frank Starbuck, Robert Mc-Curdy, Charley Church and B. B. Stevens, while the horses were the well known Romeo, Alda Kirk, Tamaqua, Effie S, Helen T and States-

The Detroit Fire.

mates of the losses caused by Thursday | railway has, however, recently been in morning's great fire place the total figures at \$640,000, with \$535,000 insurance. Added to the main losses are those of people who had household goods, etc., stored in the Central storage building, and of the contents of the the mechanical and chemical processes offices of professional people and others in the various buildings, which may divide these as follows: Improvewere ruined. The injuries to the firemen who were hurt will not be permanent. Most of the burned structures treatment. Under the first the steam will be rebuit.

Tweive Buildings Burned. CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Oct. Twelve buildings, comprising the business portion of the pretty little village of St. Elmo, at the foot of Lookout is still in use in Mexico and at mines mountain, were destroyed by fire in the United States, was that of hand Thursday afternoon. The fire originated in the residence of Mrs. G. W. ores have been even more striking. Kirkland and spread rapidly to the considerably from the fire.

Murdered His Wife and Suicided. FLINT, Mich., Oct. 8 .- Lester L. Bur-

ton murdered his wife at 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon, by firing three bullets into her body, and finished the of the Dayton hotel and caused intense 'run from one furnace to another and excitement. Burton, who was an itin- not be lifted again until it is boaded. erant lawyer, had frequently quarreled | with and maltreated his wife. This resulted in her applying for a divorce.

Alleged Embezzier Jailed. New York, Oct. 8.-Wm. A. Pearson, alias Charles B. Wilson, has been committed to jail here to await requisition papers from Ohio. Wilson, who was a rallway station agent at Middletown.
O., is accused of the embezzlement of are \$76,000. Assets believed to be far \$1,000 from the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad Co.

THE PRICE OF SILVER.

its Fall Due Principally to Increased Supply Caused by Cheaper Production.

Price Also Affected by Diminished Deerensed Ten Per Cent. Since 1888, While Production Has Increased 55 - Demonetization Acts Not Responsible For, But the Result of of ore. Lower Prices of Silver-Some of the Factors of Cheaper Production Are Cheaper Transportation, Better Mechanical and Chemical Processes of Treating Ores, Use of Electricity -Immense Deposits of Silver Ore Still in Sight - Silver Is Produced Cheaper in Mexico Because Wages of Miners Are Paid in Silver.

The last number of the Journal of Political Economy contains an interesting article by Edward S. Meade on The Fall in the Price of Silver." The facts produced by Mr. Meade make it clear that the price of silver has fallen for the same reason that prices of nails, steel rails, calico and of most other manufactured articles have fallen-improved and cheaper methods of production. In spite of the great decline in price since 1888 production has increased 55 per cent. The rapidly increasing supply of silver and the equally rapid decline in price are undoubtedly responsible for most of the demonetization ets which have occurred since 1873 and which are now becoming so numerous that it seems likely that, as our director of the mint says, it will be less than 15 years before every country on the face of the earth will have adopted the gold standard.

The following table shows the world's production of silver, coinage demand nd price per ounce from 1888 to 1895:

Production	World's coin-	Pric
of silver in fine ounces.	age of silver in fine ounces.	corne
1888 108,827,606	104,354,000	\$.9
1889120,218,611	107,688,256	.9
1890 126,005,062	117,789,228	1.0
1891107,170,119 • 1892153,151,762	106,962,049	- 1
1893 165,472,621	106,697,783	.7
1894164,610,894	87,472,523	- 6
1895168,308,353	94,057,903	.6
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"We cannot ascertain with any exactess the strength of the demand from ver, but there is no evidence that it has increased sufficiently to offset the decreased demand for coinage purposes."

Mr. Meade thinks that but little of the silver that has been used in the arts will ever be put upon the market. While it is probably true that the most of the silver now coined will remain in this form, the fear that certain countries will throw their large stocks of silver upon the market is constant and is probably largely responsible for the recent rapid fall in price.

Comparing the years 1873 and 1895, Mr. Meade finds that the yearly product of silver increased 266 per cent., while the price fell 48 per cent.

The most interesting portion of Mr. Meade's article is that which deals with the cost of producing silver. He notes the general progress of the silver indusmachinery. The following extracts will The Imparcial however, says it learns give an idea of some of the changes:

"The first and most important improvement in silver production has been throughout the western part of the United States and of recent years into Mexico. The building of these latter roads has made possible the importation of silver ore from Mexico into the United States, which greatly stimulated the silver industry of the former counshipping of fuel and timber, frequently scanty in the richest mining localities. and also the introduction of the improved machinery, without which, except in the richest deposits, silver mining cannot to-day succeed. Transportation facilities also make it possible to utilize lead as a byproduct of silver. which materially decreases the cost of silver production. Difficulties of transportation have seriously retarded the DETROIT, Mich., Oct. 8.-Careful esti- progress of silver mining in Bolivia. A process of construction in that country. which will open some of the richest mines."

"Next in importance to the improve ments in transportation come those in of mining and extraction of ore. We ments in extracting and dressing the ore and improvements in methods of and later the electric hoist have been substituted for the hand windlass. Immense improvements have been made in the construction of concentrators. The old method of concentration, which

"Great improvements have also been stores adjoining. The total loss is made in ore crushing. For the bowlder about \$12,000. Incline No. 1 and the crusher of Bolivia and Mexico have been Chattanooga Electric railway suffered substituted the battery of stamps and the rolls. A large amount of labor has been saved by the manner of construction of the smelting works. All refining works are now built in terrace form and are so arranged that the base bullion, which has necessarily to be handled tragedy by shooting himself dead. while being unloaded sampled and The acts were committed in the parlor | charged into the softening furnace, shall

"In the smelting proper improvement has been even more active than in the preliminary operations.

"In the treatment of 'dry' silver ores. which are amalgamated with quicksilver and retorted, the chief improvement of recent years has been in the saving of quicksilver.

"The methods of extraction of high grade silver in vogue in the United mala will follow its example as soon as States and in the best mills throughout | the necessary legal forms can be comthe world may be summarized as fol- pleted.

sifted and sorted by machinery, crushed by heavy stamping batteries or by the rolls, after which it is carried directly to the amalgamating pans, in which it is kept constantly in motion by machinery, passing through the eight pans in four hours. From these the pulp passes into settlers, which clean up the

lows: The ore is bauled to the mill, is

mand - Coinage Demand Has De- charge of 1,000 pounds in four hours more. The mass is then retorted. The average cost of an average mill in Arizona was from \$3.12 to \$4.00 per ton

"The improvements in lead silver extraction have been perhaps more notable than any others. Prior to 1874 these ores were reduced by amalgamation as ordinary dry ores. About that time it was discovered that this silver could be far more easily extracted by a process of smelting. Following this discovery came the great development of Lead-ville and Pueblo in the early eighties. The essentials of this method of extraction are: (1) The smelting of the ore in an ordinary blast furnace; (2) the concentration of the silver into a much smaller quantity of lead; (3) the separation of the silver in a cupeling furace. The blast furnace has been greaty improved during the last 25 years.

"An important feature of the general mprovement in the silver industry has been the rapid introduction of electricity into mining operations. The use of the electric light has greatly facilitated all processes carried on within the mine. Electric power is also employed in hoisting ore and in pumping, with the very best results both as regards cost and convenience. Electricity can be transmitted long distances with only a small loss of power, and it is thus possible to use power at such a distance from its source as would render it otherwise unavailable. The importance of this improvement can be better realized when we consider that one of the greatest obstacles which mining, especially in Mexico, has to encounter is the difficulty of obtaining fuel for power, owing both to the lack of transportation facilities and, where these exist, to the high charges of hauling coal from the United States. Where water power exists within a radius of 50 miles it can be used for the transmission of electric power to a silver mine. The economy of power is very remarkable. At one set of mines in Mexico, those operated by the Real Del Moute works. electric power is obtained from Regla falls and transmitted from 15 to 25 miles to work pumps, hoists, stamp mills, crushers and ventilators.

"It is obvious that the results of this ong series of improvements in silver mining and silver smelting have been greatly to lower the cost of producing silver. These improvements have doubtess to some extent been accelerated by the falling price of silver, which they have also tended to produce. It was not to be expected that the great advances which have characterized every other department of industry would not affect the production of silver, and it should be remembered that there is no reason to believe that this march of improvement will be stayed. To take but one illustration: If the experiments in the utilization of the direct heat of the sun are ever successful the smelting of all kinds of ores will be completely revolutionized. The problem of fuel will have been solved.

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"The second and most important ele ment of the production of silver is the supply of ore." Mr. Meade here notes the many large deposits of silver, practically inexhaustible, left in different parts of the world, and the probability that under new methods of mining and smelting the output of many mines will greatly increase.

"A third factor in the supply of silver which has doubtless exerted a considerable influence is the silver standard prevailing in Mexico and the Central and South American silver countries. The miners' wages are paid and most of the supplies are purchased in terms of the silver standard. Domestic prices and wages have not varied with the price of silver, and by consequence the fall in silver has not affected the profit of mine owners to the same extent as in the United States. This fact has placed mining operators in silver standard countries at an advantage in competition with their competitors in the United States and Europe and has doubtless to some extent increased the supply of silver, though we should be careful not to exaggerate its impor-

"To summarize this portion of our study: We find that the increase in the supply of silver, which has been the main cause of its fall in price, has been due to the application of improved processes and appliances to a series of ore discoveries extending over the last 30 years, and that this advance of improvement has constantly lowered the cost of producing silver."

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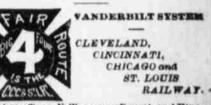
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